

House Bill 3170

Sponsored by Representative MARSH, Senator PHAM K, Representative TRAN (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act makes changes to laws about networks that help people prepare for and respond to disasters. (Flesch Readability Score: 65.1).

Modifies the definitions of and grant requirements for Resilience Hubs and Resilience Networks. Appropriates moneys from the General Fund to the Department of Human Services for providing grants for Resilience Hubs and Resilience Networks.

Declares an emergency, effective July 1, 2025.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
2 Relating to community resilience; creating new provisions; amending ORS 409.760; and declaring an
3 emergency.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 409.760 is amended to read:

6 409.760. (1) As used in this section:

7 (a) "Resilience Hub" means a physical facility that is **created**, operated, managed or supported
8 by one or more local residents, local governments, tribal governments, public schools, community-
9 based organizations, faith-based organizations, nonprofit organizations, [*or*] nongovernmental organ-
10 izations **or any other group or entity located in Oregon**, and that:

11 (A) Supports the needs of community members or tribal communities, facilitates gathering and
12 communication, distributes resources and otherwise enhances quality of life within a community;

13 (B) Serves as a central point for gathering, information sharing, and coordination in response
14 to a disruption in the community;

15 (C) Enhances the ability of a community to respond to and recover from a disruption in a com-
16 munity;

17 (D) Is positioned, operated and resourced on a day-to-day basis, **during a disruption and during**
18 **recovery**, to provide community resources, including but not limited to food, water, information
19 exchange, electronic charging stations, basic medical supplies and equipment proportionate to the
20 size of the community's population and needs;

21 (E) Supports community cache sites and other support for community members who shelter in
22 place;

23 (F) Can provide child care, training, food distribution and other services that can help a com-
24 munity respond to unmet [*social*] needs to prepare for, respond to and recover from **adverse events**,
25 **emergencies or** disasters;

26 (G) Can provide, or can be retrofitted to provide, heating, cooling, air filtration and weather
27 protection; and

28 (H) Accommodates individuals with accessibility needs.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 (b) “Resilience Network” means an association of facilities, organizations, resource providers
 2 or service providers [*outside of a physical Resilience Hub facility that collectively serve the purposes*
 3 *of a Resilience Hub*] **that collectively supports community members to prepare for, adapt to**
 4 **or respond to social, emotional and physical disruption generated by ongoing climate change**
 5 **or other causes, and during and after an adverse event, emergency or disaster.**

6 (2) The Department of Human Services shall, in consultation with the State Department of En-
 7 ergy and the Oregon Health Authority, provide grants, [*support and technical assistance for*] **equip-**
 8 **ment, technical assistance, contracted services and any other type of support to individuals**
 9 **or organizations located in Oregon for creating or sustaining** Resilience Hubs and **Resilience**
 10 Networks in Oregon. The Department of Human Services shall award:

11 (a) Grants for expenses related to planning and organizing Resilience Hubs and **Resilience**
 12 Networks;

13 (b) Grants to support and expand development and operation of Resilience Hubs and **Resilience**
 14 Networks to ensure that physical facilities can provide protection from extreme weather, can
 15 maintain power and climate during power outages, have auxiliary communications capabilities and
 16 are resilient following earthquakes, fires, tornadoes, floods, other extreme weather events and other
 17 potential **adverse events, emergencies or** disasters[, *emergencies or incidents*]; and

18 (c) Grants for resources and services needed by communities to otherwise prepare for and re-
 19 spond to **adverse events, emergencies or** disasters.

20 (3) Individuals or organizations **located in Oregon and serving people in this state** may apply
 21 for grants by submitting an application that must include:

22 (a) A description of the purposes for which grant moneys will be expended, **including a de-**
 23 **scription of the services to be provided to the community by the Resilience Hub or Resilience**
 24 **Network;**

25 (b) A plan for implementing specific strategies to build resilience in a community;

26 (c) A description of additional resources available for purposes of the Resilience Hub or
 27 **Resilience** Network;

28 (d) A description of the project’s ability to serve vulnerable populations and communities tradi-
 29 tionally underrepresented in the public process, including communities of color, communities expe-
 30 riencing lower incomes, tribal communities, rural communities, coastal communities, communities
 31 with limited infrastructure, seniors, youth and persons with disabilities; and

32 (e) Any other information required by the department.

33 (4) The department shall execute grant agreements with grant recipients obligating recipients
 34 to use grant moneys for purposes specified in the grant agreements. The department, in consultation
 35 with the State Department of Energy and the Oregon Health Authority, shall determine the per-
 36 missible purposes, **applicant eligibility requirements, types of awards** for a grant **and eligible**
 37 **equipment, technical assistance, services and support** under this section based on the needs of
 38 the Resilience Hub or **Resilience** Network. The department shall determine the needs of the
 39 Resilience Hub or **Resilience** Network in consultation with the community, including populations
 40 described in subsection (3)(d) of this section, within the locality in which the Resilience Hub or
 41 **Resilience** Network operates.

42 (5) The Department of Human Services shall adopt rules necessary for the administration of this
 43 section, including specifying the form and contents of an application for a grant under this section.

44 **SECTION 2. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-**
 45 **ated to the Department of Human Services, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, out of**

1 the General Fund, the amount of \$10,000,000, which may be expended to provide grants under
2 ORS 409.760.

3 **SECTION 3.** This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
4 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect
5 July 1, 2025.

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